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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR PHILIPPINES LEAHY VETTING REQUEST -

JUSMAG IMET - AEROSPACE MEDICAL PRIMARY COURSE

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11. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and found that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights for the individuals identified below. These individuals are JUSMAG IMET candidates to attend an Aerospace Medical Primary course scheduled from January 30, 2009 through March 27, 2009 at Brooks City Base in Texas.

12. (U) Candidates:

LTC Joanne B. Turingan

DPOB: March 2, 1961; Isabela, Philippines Unit: 15th Strike Sangley Air Base Hospital

CPT Benedict A. Bodegon

DPOB: February 14, 1976; Laguna, Philippines Unit: Headquarters Philippine Air Force

- 13. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified in paragraph 2 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.
- 14. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.
- 15. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:

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